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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (12.56 pm): In an electorate like Glass House with some 20 individual communities, there are very few issues that impact the entire electorate. Most issues are specific to one or maybe two or three of those communities, but the South East Queensland Regional Plan impacts on each and every community and all of the rural and regional landscapes between those communities across the entire electorate. It is the single largest unifying issue across the entire electorate.

I, like many of my constituents, waited with interest for the release of the new draft. When it arrived, it is fair to say that whilst there is some good news there is also some bad news. Positives at a macro level for the region and for the electorate of Glass House include supporting the Sunshine Coast Regional Council in putting Beerwah East into the urban footprint as a future investigation area but also leaving Halls Creek there not for immediate consideration but for consideration beyond the life of the plan. It also locks in the interurban break. I return to my maiden speech in this House where I spoke of the importance of ensuring that a break remains between the built-up areas and communities in the Moreton Bay Regional Council and the urban areas of the Sunshine Coast.

There are some positives at the micro level as well. There have been some great corrections in terms of Ross Horne's property on Railway Parade at Glass House Mountains and the Harrison family and others along Landershute Road at Palmwoods. If I use the Harrisons as an example of where a positive has come, it also demonstrates the importance of some of the negatives. There continues to be a use of roads rather than natural features or property boundaries as the dividing line as to who is in the urban footprint and who is not. I believe it should be the responsibility of the state to include both sides of the road, go to a natural feature where you can, or go to the property boundary where you can and leave it to council to determine what part of those properties should or should not be developed. I have a couple of examples here, and I table some of the adjusted maps that I have used in conjunction with my constituents.

Tabled paper: Bundle of maps, undated, showing property boundaries in parts of the Glass House electorate [\[2154\]](#).

There are people like Gary and Mary Wood at Markwell Road, Moodlu and Robert and Margot Huxley at 76 Mansfield Road, Elimbah. There are people like Lindsey and Keven Grogan and Elizabeth Noble from Lindeman Road, Beerwah where, again, one side of the road is in the urban footprint and the other side is not. There is Tony and Kath Yorkston on Mountain View Road and McCarthy Shute Road in Maleny and Peter and Margaret Campbell on North Maleny Road in Maleny. Again, there has been development, but it is not included in either the urban footprint or the rural residential components and, therefore, they are unable to do what their neighbours have done. There is Wayne and Marie Stewart from Storrs Road in Peachester and there are the residents along Mount Mee Road at Delaneys Creek. I table those maps for the benefit of the House and for the Deputy Premier in considering future additions to the final plan when it comes out. I stress that that is not an exhaustive list, but it should give the Deputy Premier and her staff the idea.

I would also like to raise that the issue of family subdivision and the profitability of rural production landscape is also not addressed. We have great rural production in the electorate of Glass House. However, in order for generations to be able to pass on property to the next generation, they need their kids to be able to move onto the property with them. Those kids cannot unless they get title. They cannot get title unless the parents can hand over a parcel of their land. I understand that in the past some cowboys misused that provision and that is why it was thrown out, but it needs to be brought back. Then people like the Porfiris at Beerwah and the De Vries at Montville can once again provide an opportunity for their families to live alongside them and work their land.

I am also very concerned, as is Moreton Bay Regional Council, that all the rural residential properties at Wamuran have been excluded as well as the rural residential properties at Glass House Mountains. I also note with interest the *Courier-Mail's* article dated 16 November which stated that the Brisbane City Council is concerned that the transport infrastructure will not keep up with the growth required in their environs. I table that document.

Tabled paper: Articles from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 16 November 2016, titled 'We Won't Keep Up: Council' and 'A Crisis in the Making' [\[2155\]](#).

I say to the Deputy Premier that we are ready for growth in places like Elimbah—not in 25 years but now. We are ready for growth around Railway Parade in Glasshouse Mountains which is right on a duplicated rail line that gets people to the city in just over an hour. It is about balance, but there are sensible additions that the Deputy Premier can make in preparing the final plan.